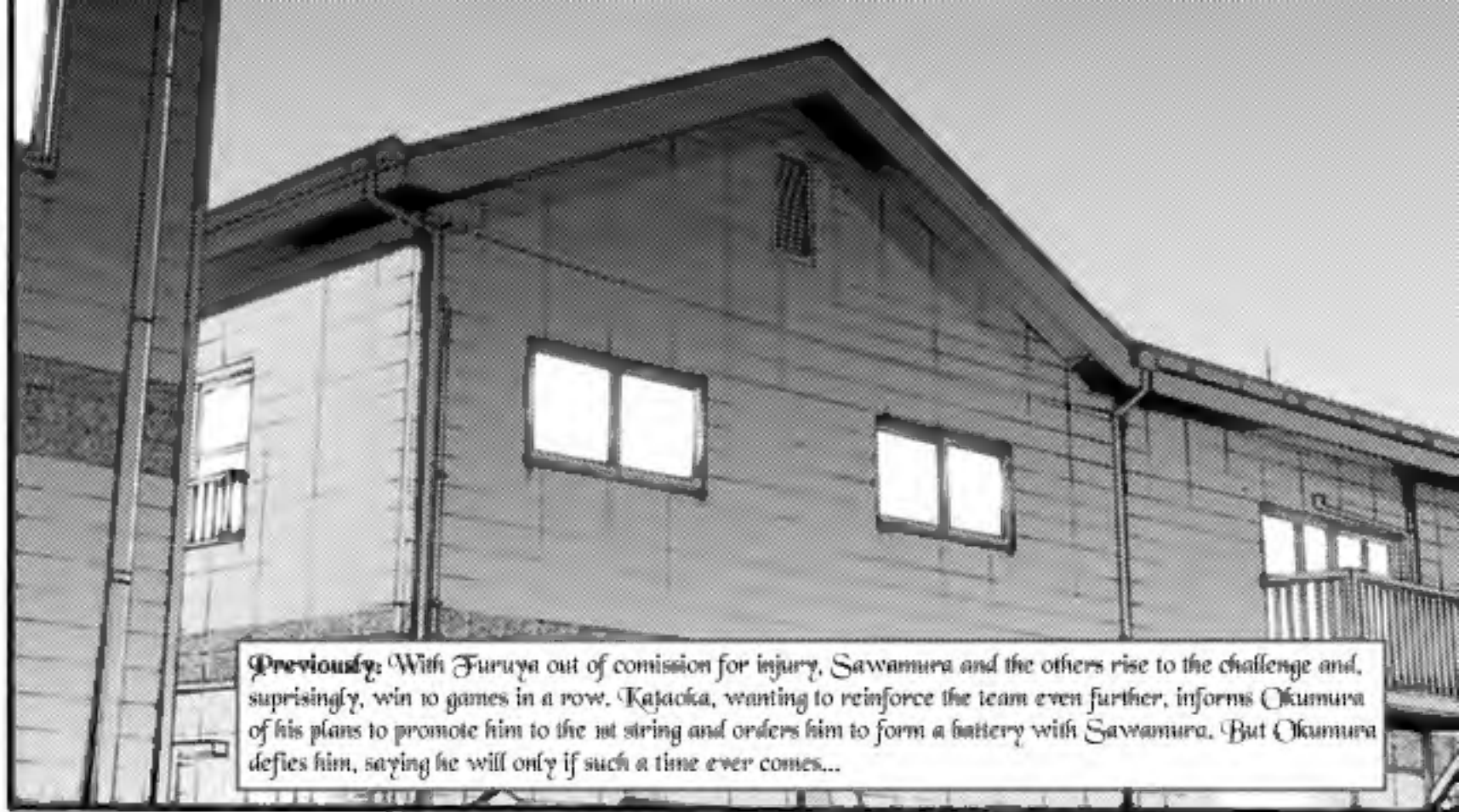
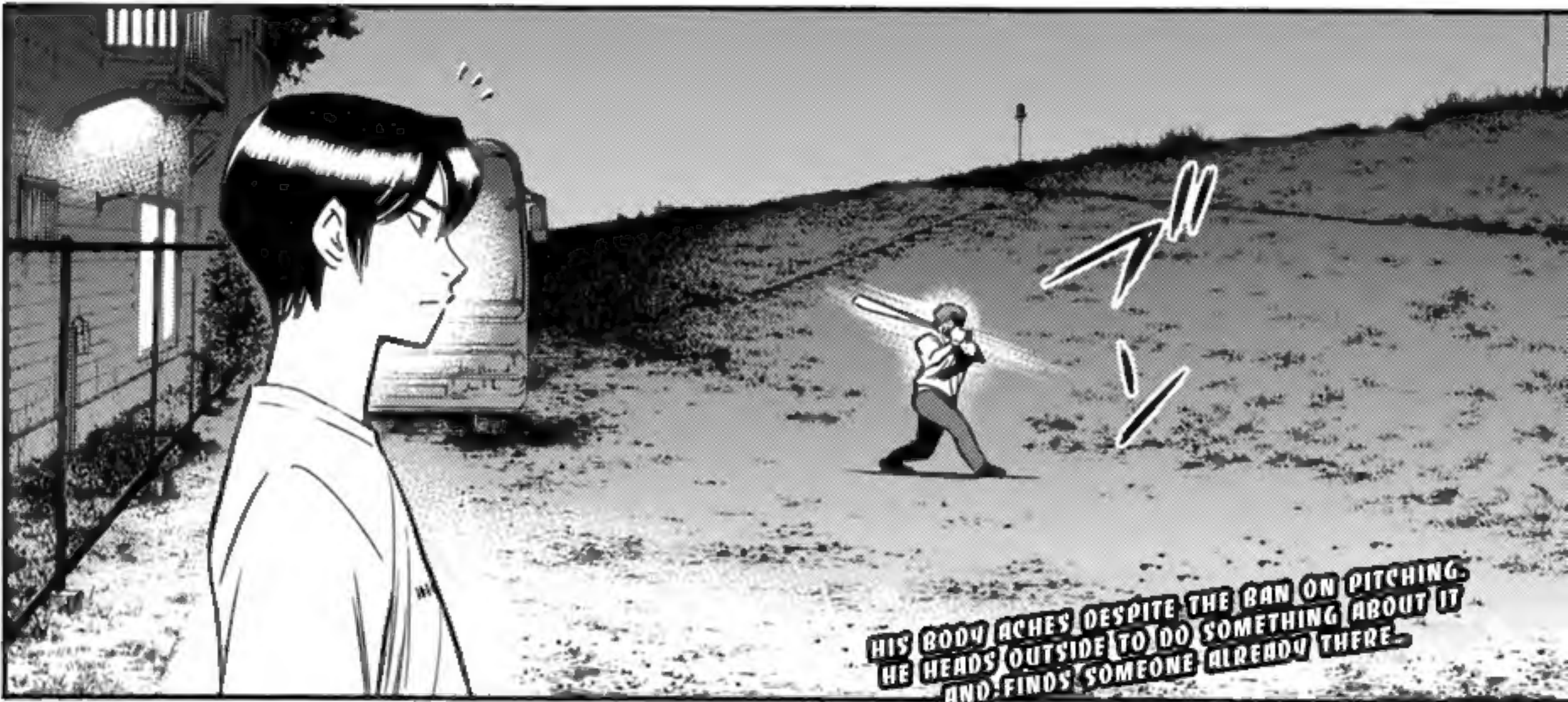


OKUMURA KOSHUU, A FIRST YEAR CATCHER, DEFIED HEAD COACH KATAOKA'S ORDER. TROUBLE IS BREWING IN SEIDOU, DESPITE THE TEAM DOING SO GOOD IN MATCHES?!

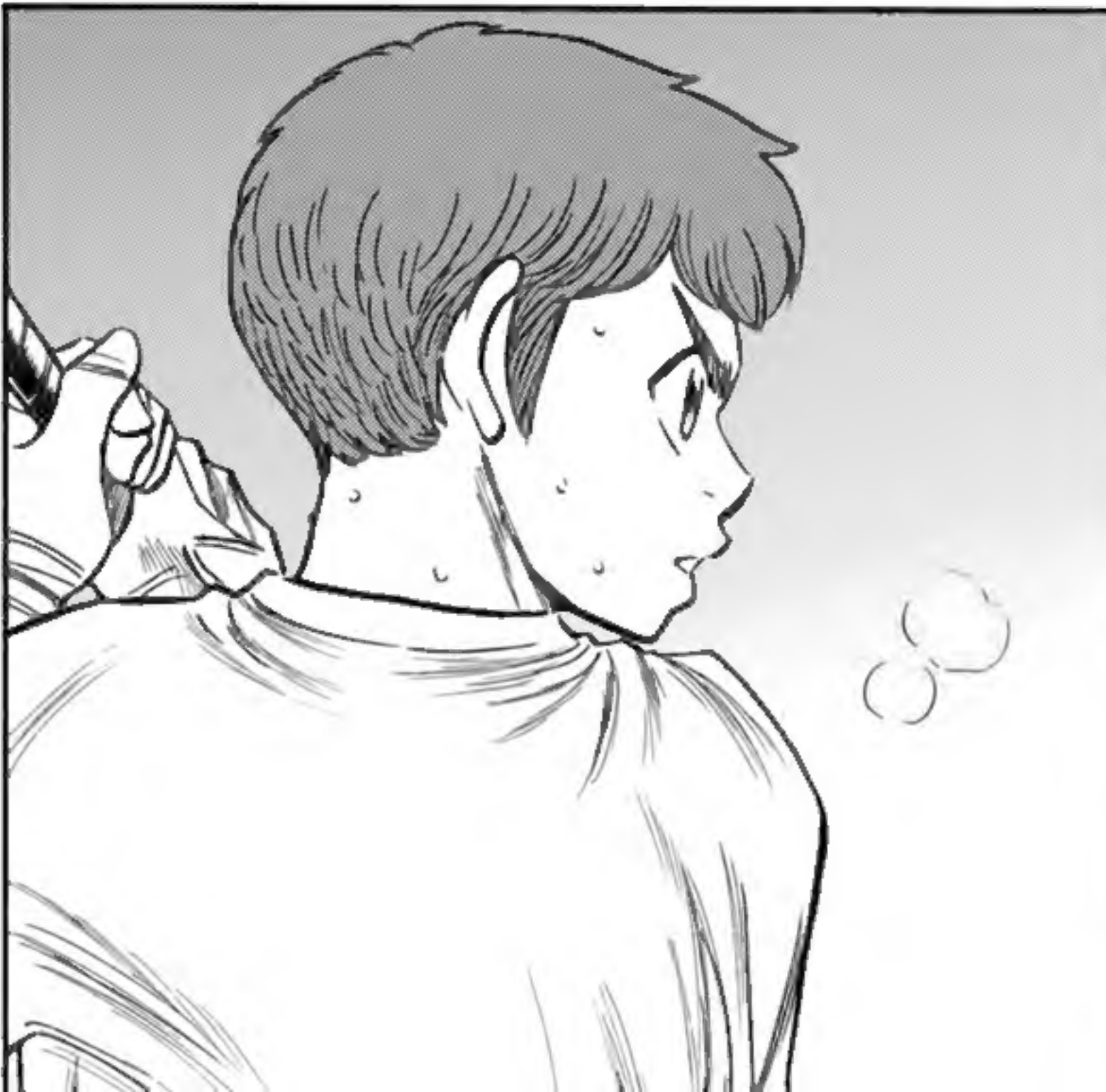




Previously: With Furuya out of commission for injury, Sawamura and the others rise to the challenge and, surprisingly, win 10 games in a row. Kajacka, wanting to reinforce the team even further, informs Okumura of his plans to promote him to the 1st string and orders him to form a battery with Sawamura. But Okumura defies him, saying he will only if such a time ever comes...



HIS BODY ACHES DESPITE THE BAN ON PITCHING. HE HEADS OUTSIDE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT AND FINDS SOMEONE ALREADY THERE.









TO GO AND
ACTUALLY REFUSE
HIS REQUEST...
YOU SURE ARE
ONE HELL OF
AN ODDBALL.

THE COACH CONSIDERS
THE TEAM'S SITUATION
AS A WHOLE,
THAT'S WHY HE WANTED
YOU TO TRY CATCHING
FOR THE FIRST STRING
PLAYERS, YOU KNOW?



BECAUSE
BOSS IS
A MAN EVEN
STRICTER
THAN HE
LOOKS!

WAAAAHA!
THAT'S
DEFINITELY
A POSSIBILITY!

IN FACT, ALL
MAKING THE COACH
ANGRY WILL
ACHIEVE YOU IS
MAKE HIM SHELF
HIS PLANS ON
YOUR PROMOTION.



Grrr...



HAHAHA!
I WONDER
WHO IS
THAT
IDIOT!

WHAT A
VEXING
GUY HE
MUST
BE!

YOU,
MAN.
YOU.

IT
WAS
YOU.

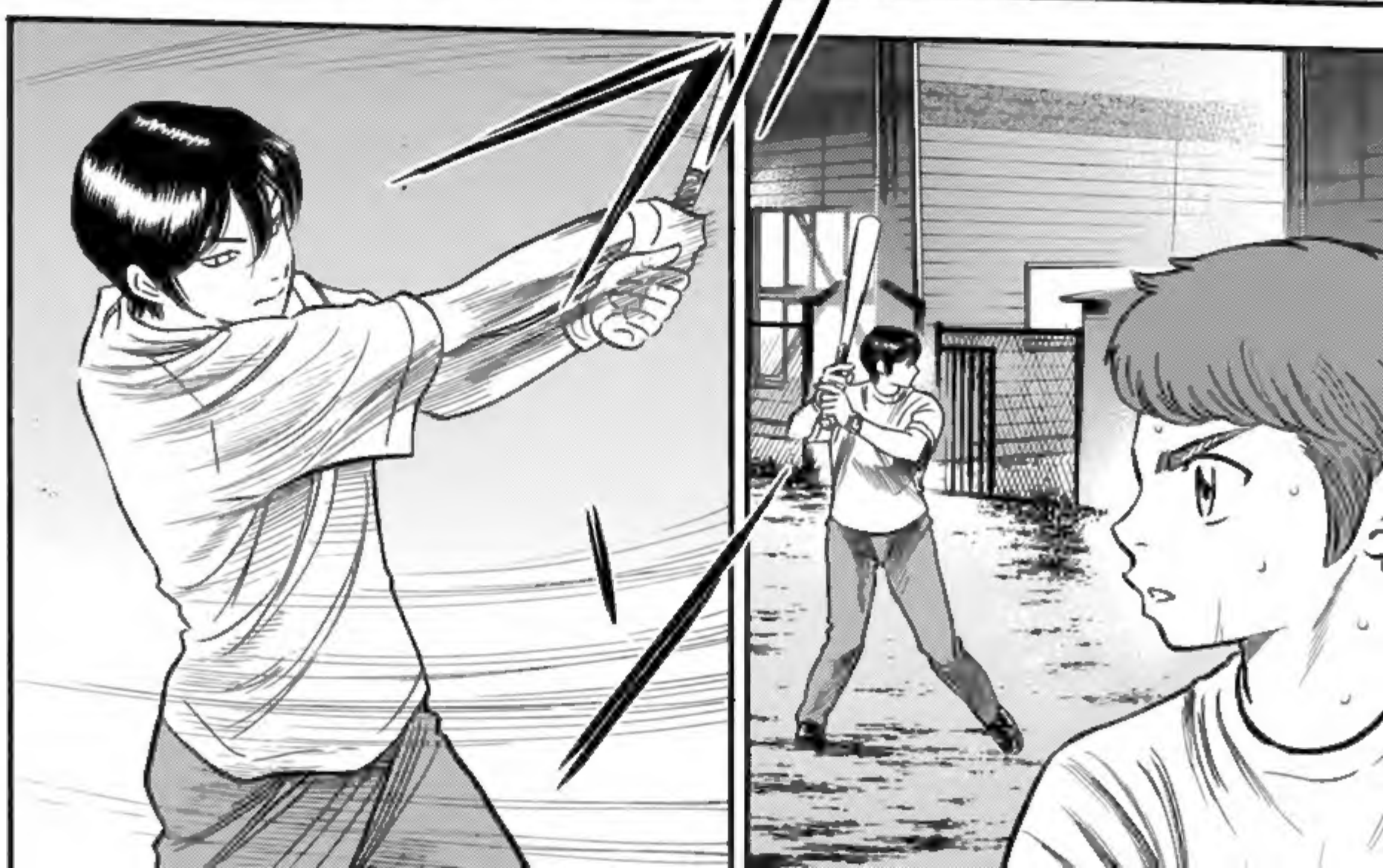
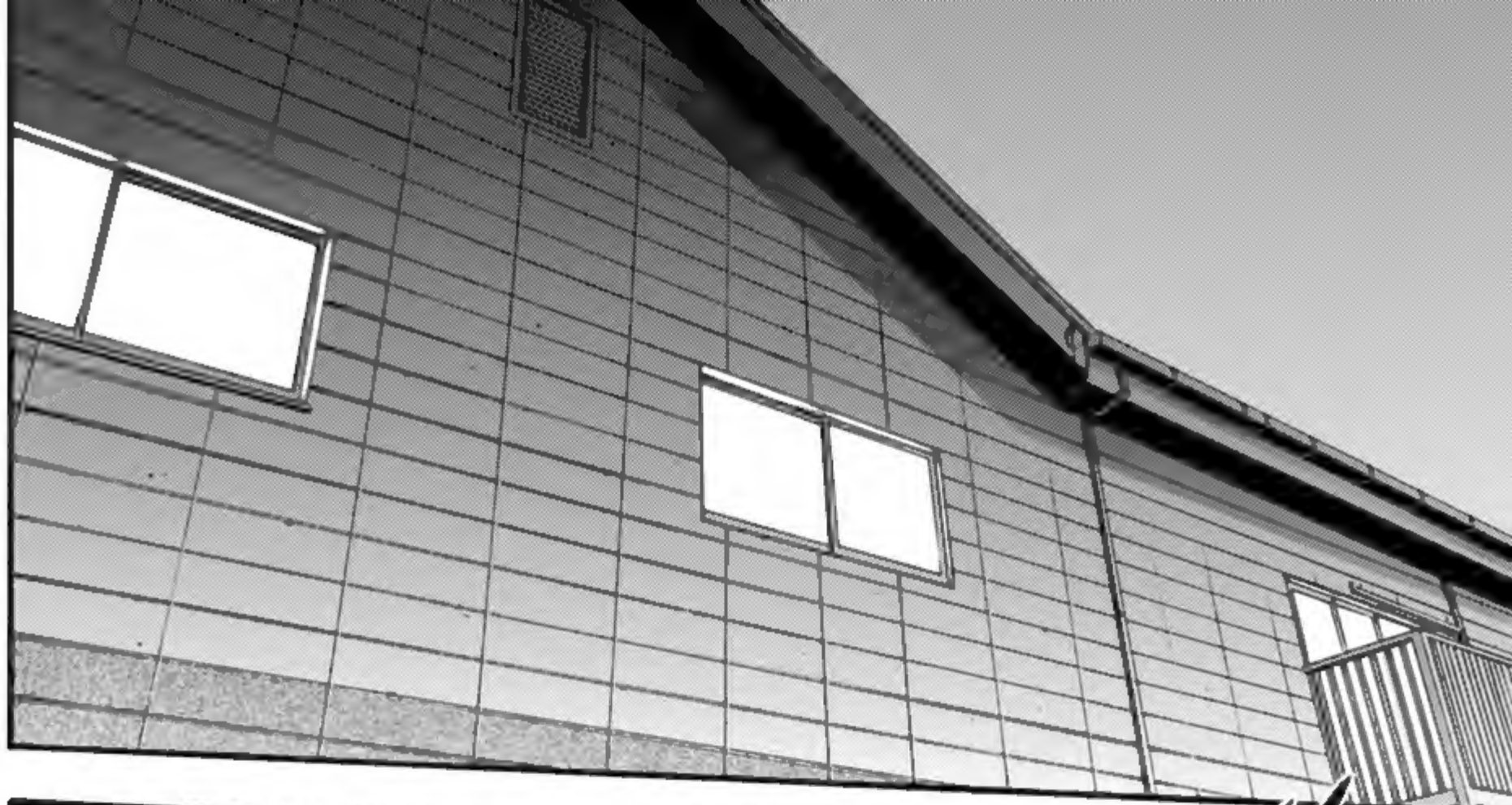
COME TO THINK OF IT,
I SEEM TO REMEMBER
A GUY WHO WAS
NEARLY MADE GIVE UP
ON BEING A PITCHER
BECAUSE HE DEFIED
THE COACH FIRST
THING UPON JOINING
THE TEAM~
♪

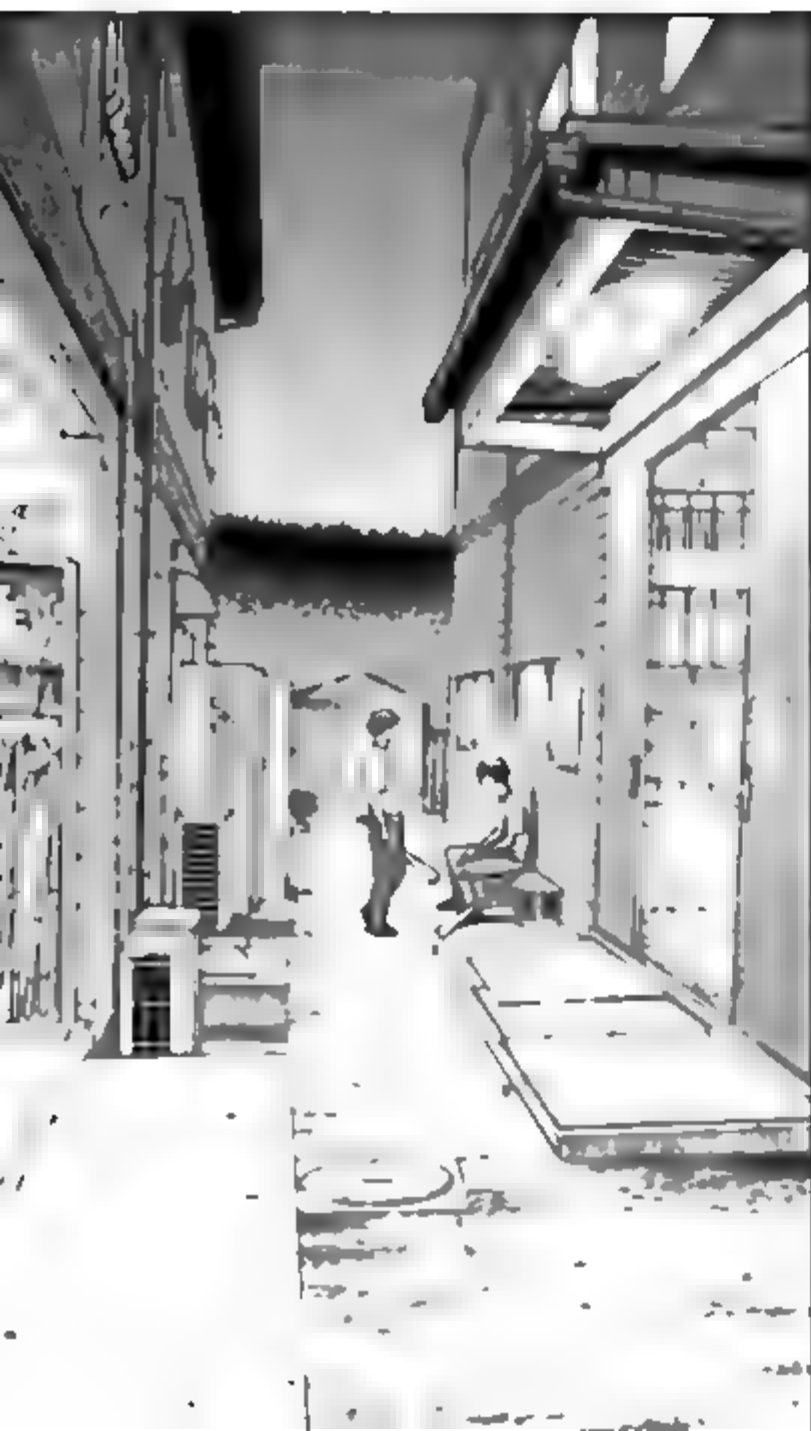














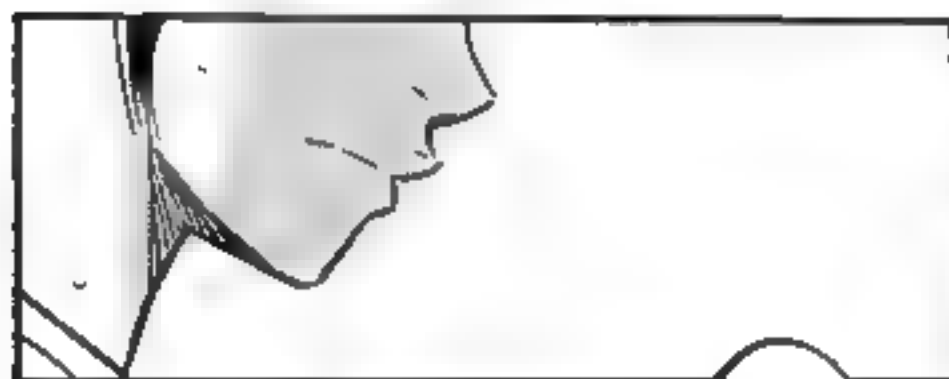
WHAT ARE
YOUR THOUGHTS
ON PLAYING
A POSITION
OTHER THAN
PITCHER?

FURIYA-
SAN, CAN I
ASK YOU
SOMETHING?



EH?

NATURALLY,
I DON'T REALLY
WANT TO PLAY
ANY OTHER
POSITION...



...BUT
RIGHT
NOW

I'M NOT IN
ANY POSITION
TO BE SAYING
THAT.



AND
EVERYONE
IS MUCH
BETTER AT
IT THAN
ME.



ESPE-
CIALLY
INFIELD

TOO MANY
THINGS TO
LEARN.



ME GETTING
TO PLAY IN A GAME
MEANS I'M STEALING
THE SPOT FROM
SOMEONE ELSE,
AFTER ALL.

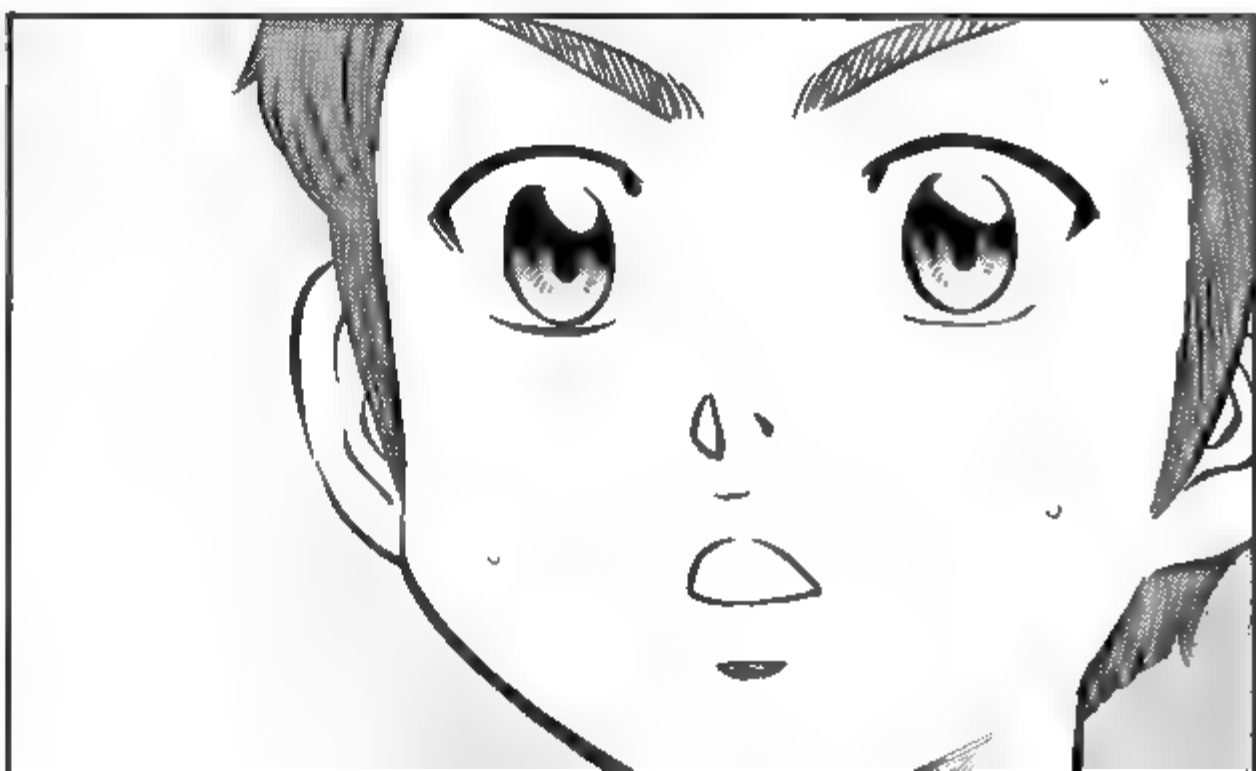
IF I'M GOING
TO PLAY IN A GAME
AS A FIELDER
EVEN IF I SUCK,
THE ONLY CHOICE
LEFT FOR ME IS
TO GIVE IT MY ALL
REGARDLESS

THAT'S
WHAT
I NOW
THINK.



...YEAH.

HIGHER TH





WHATEVER
POSITION
I MIGHT
END UP
PLAYING

IT MAY NOT
LOOK LIKE
MUCH, BUT I
THINK IT'S
VERY EASY
ON YOUR HAND
WHEN YOU
USE IT



...I HAVE
TO DO MY
ABSOLUTE
BEST...

SO LONG
AS I GET
TO PLAY IN
A GAME...

*Becoming the best pitcher in Japan
and making your team the best in Japan
are praiseworthy goals, in my opinion.*

*But being bounds by those goals and
losing the sight of yourself because of them
renders them meaningless, don't you think?*

Give it your all.



THAT'S WHY
I FEEL I HAVE
TO PRACTICE
SWINGING
MORE

AND GET
AS MUCH
FIELDING
PRACTICE
UNDER MY
BELT AS
POSSIBLE.



THANK YOU
FOR YOUR
ANSWER,
FURLYA-
SAN!



AND
NOW I HAVE
TO STAND ON
THE FIELD AND
PERFORM IN
A WAY THAT
WON'T MAKE
ME REGRET
MY CHOICE!

I HAVE
MADE
THE CHOICE
MYSELF.

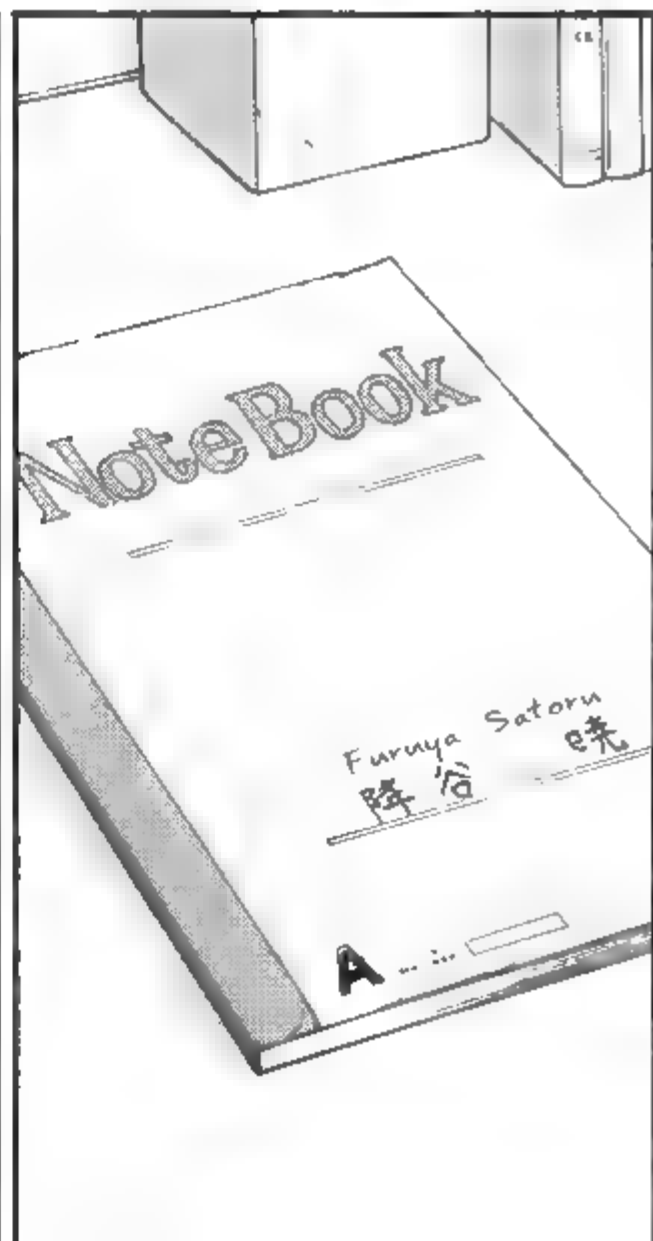
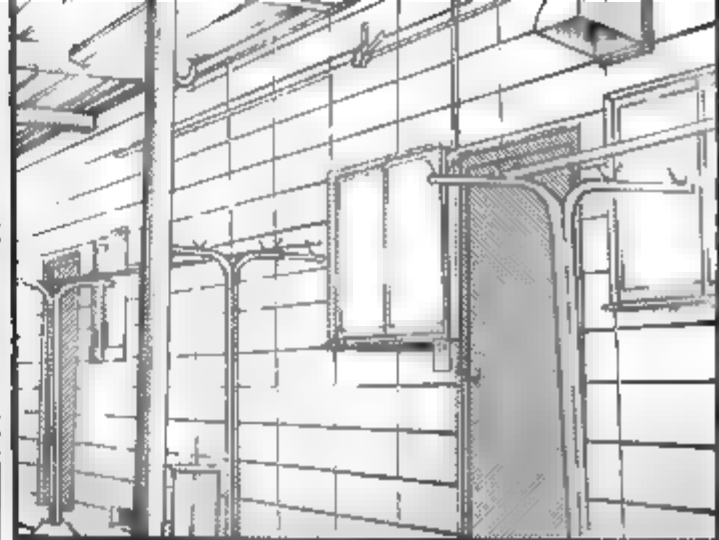


RIGHT!

YEAH,
LET'S DO
THAT

BOTH
OF US.







MAY 15





14	15 Sawamura's birthday	16	17 Kuramochi-senpai's birthday
21	22	23	24



SAWAMURA
EIJUN-SAN
TURNED 17.

I'M
READY WHEN-
EVER YOU
ARE.

KURAMOCHI-
SENPAI,
SMILE
PLEASE.

DA~HAHA!

NO NEED
FOR STIFF
FORMALITIES
BETWEEN
US SAME AGE
BUDDIES
ANYMORE!

RIGHT,
YOUICHI?!

SAME AGE FOR ONLY 2 DAYS!

Special Thanks

Raws

GG

Redrawer

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